(c) whether Government propose in acquire Prabhadevi Warehouse on Veer Savarkar Marg in Bombay which was vacated by the Customs Authorities in 1987 and construct flats for the Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) No. There is no proposal to acquire Prabhadevi Warehouse on Veer Savarkar Marg, Bombay. However, 2634 quarters have been sanctioned for construction in the general pool in Bombay.

TV Serials

3357. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the policy of Doordarshan, two different serials/programmes of same producer are not shown on T.V. simultaneously; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for telecasting "Adhikar" and "Show Theme" of the same producer on National Network simultaneously?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. However, as per the guidelines. Doordarshan may re-telecast any sponsored programme.

(b) "Show Theme" is a repeat telecast.

Central Assistance for Hyderabad Habitant Programme

3358. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Hyderabad Habitant Programme, being implemented in Hyderabad, to provide shelter for the shelterless;

(b) whether it is a fact that several international agencies have commended the performance of this programme; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to give financial assistance for strengthening of this programme in Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have been requested to furnish necessary information which will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

Share of Food Items in Total Consumption Expenditure

3359. PROF C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of food items as a whole in the total consumption expenditure has shown a decline in 1986-87 as compared to the previous year;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding this decline;

(c) what is the position of share of food items in the consumption expenditure in the current financial year;

(d) whether this indicate a declining trend or otherwise compared to the previous year namely 1986-87; and

(e) the corrective steps propose to be taken to improve the share of food items so that the level of those who are below the poverty line could be raised to that or above poverty line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

As per the quick estimates of the Central Statistical Organisation, the shrare of food items as a whole in the total consumption

expenditure showed a marginal decline in 1986-87 as compared to the last year. It has declined from 54.5 per cent in 1985-86 to 54.2 per cent in 1986-87. This marginal decline is reflected in the decline in the share of (i) cereals pulses and bread, (ii) milk and milk products and (iii) other food.

(c) Details of consumption expenditure for the current year are not available.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Generally as the per capita consumption expenditure increases, proportion of food in consumption expenditure declines. The planning strategy of the Government aims at raising the per capita consumption expenditure of the people.

Purchase of salt by NDDB

3360. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDDB proposes to purchase salt direct from the salt producers of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and at what rate;

(c) whether Government are aware of the plight of the salt producers commonly known as 'agaraiyas' in Gujarat;

(d) whether it is a fact that they get only 2 pise per kg of salt from the middle men; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propos to take to improve their lot and see that they get prevailing competitive prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

CRGP insurance claims to farmers in Gujarat

3361. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Blitz" of the 13th February, 1988 wherein it has been stated that due to the negligence on the part of the General Insurance Corporation of India the Gujarat Government have been deprived of the revenue to the tune of Rupees 267 crores which they are legitimately entitled to have under the Crop Insurance Scheme.

(b) whether it has also been stated that last year insurance of crops was for Rs. 53 crores and farmers received only Rs. 10 crores as damages;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to compensate the farmers whose crops were damaged due to the natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government of India is aware of the news item which appeared in "Blitz" dated 13th February, 1988 regarding indemnity claim of Gujarat under the Comprehensive Crop Insuance Scheme (CCIS). However, it is incorrect to say that due to the negligence on the part of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) and Gujarat Government the farmers have been deprived of revenue to the tune of Rs. 267 crore. The estimated claims of Kharif 1987 season in the State are likely to be of the order of Rs. 214 crore. The Government of India have not so far received complete yield data as also details of these claims. As regards Kharif